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REFINING OF CRUDE OIL BY REFINERIES OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil refined by various refineries of various oil companies during the last three years till date;

(b) the details of capacity utilisation of refineries of various companies and whether this capacity utilisation has been as per their installed capacity;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure maximum capacity utilisation of these refineries and oil companies ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) : The details of installed capacity, crude throughput and capacity utilization for various refineries during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and first half of year 2007-08 is annexed.
The capacity utilization of all the four North-East refineries namely Digboi, Guwahati, Numaligarh and Bongaigaon and also Narimanam refinery of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is low due to insufficient availability of indigenous crude.
In order to improve the capacity utilization of North-East Refineries, Government has allotted 1.5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of Ravva crude to Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (BRPL). Further, to boost crude oil production in the North-East region, Government has allocated new blocks for crude oil exploration and production to Oil India Ltd. (OIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) as well as private parties under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).